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## **Fearneyhough selected as WDA Deputy Director**

Wyoming Department of Agriculture Director John Etchepare would like to announce his selection of Jason Fearneyhough as the new Deputy Director of the department.

Fearneyhough replaces Jim Schwartz, who recently stepped into the position of Executive Director of the Wyoming Livestock Board.

Fearneyhough is excited for the new opportunity.

"It is an honor to be asked to be the deputy director of the WDA. This will be a great opportunity to put my background and abilities to work for Wyoming's agriculture industry," Fearneyhough said.

A Wyoming native, Fearneyhough has spent his life working in and around production agriculture and has a strong background in agriculture issues. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Communications from the University of Wyoming.

In his new position, Fearneyhough hopes to concentrate on the challenging issues facing agriculture.

"I am looking forward to working together with everyone at WDA on the many issues that are a part of Wyoming agriculture," Fearneyhough said. "Along with these duties, I hope to work with everyone in the department to raise the public awareness of both the department and the Wyoming agriculture industry."

Fearneyhough has dealt with agriculture issues at both the state and federal levels, beginning with an internship in the United States Congress. He has also held past positions with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the Agribusiness Division of the Wyoming Business Council. Most recently, Fearneyhough owned and operated his own consulting firm, JTF Consulting, specializing in agriculture issues and development as well as marketing solutions for small business. As a contract employee for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Fearneyhough has also worked with many federal lands issues ranging from grazing to resource management.

In his spare time, Fearneyhough is involved with many activities including serving as the Superintendent of the Junior Beef Show at the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo and the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Wyoming Future Business Leaders of America. Fearneyhough and his wife Tina have two daughters, Abby and Ellie.

Fearneyhough is eager to begin his new position and work with the department staff.

"I am excited by the opportunity to work with the outstanding individuals that make up the Wyoming Department of Agriculture," Fearneyhough said. "This staff works tirelessly for the betterment of the industry and for the protection of consumers. Together, we will continue to accomplish great things."

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